

LOVE IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED...

1 Cor. 13:5-8

1 Corinthians 13:4 *Charity suffereth long* To bear long when oppressed, provoked, and when one seeks to injure us.

and is kind; Longsuffering puts up with people while kindness seeks out and serves people.

Envieth not. Boils over with jealousy; to have a strong desire or a strong zeal for something.

Vaunteth not itself, To brag about oneself. To talk conceitedly. To parade in front of all your accomplishments.

Not puffed up, like a wind-bag. To see oneself as being superior to others.

1 Corinthians 13:5 *Doth not behave itself unseemly,* is not rude or unmannerly...does not act unbecomingly.

Seeketh not her own, Empty of self. Does not pursue selfish advantage. To be preoccupied with one's own interests and things.

Is not easily provoked, not touchy, not ready to take up an offense; Doesn't assume negative of people.

Thinketh no evil; Doesn't keep count. Pays no attention to a suffered wrong.

Love does not impute evil to people. It is always ready to think the best of people.

Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 1:9; Prov 18:13; 25:2; 29:11; 29:20

1 Corinthians 13:6 *Rejoiceth not in iniquity,* The reason a person doesn't assume negative because there is no delight in hearing about another's sin or about another's faults.

Gossip: inwardly, a person is glad that another has messed up so he can report it *Rejoiceth in the truth;* Gets excited when the facts are presented.

Love is closely related to truth.

Mac: *Righteousness is predicated on God's truth and cannot exist apart from it.*

Love always rejoices in God's truth and never with falsehood or false teaching.

Love and compassion are compatible with each other but love and compromise of the truth are not.

1 Corinthians 13:7 *Beareth all things,* to cover; support, protect, be loyal to; to protect others from exposure, ridicule, or harm...love conceals what is ugly in another....

Mac: *it does not expose or exploit, gloat or condemn. It bears; it does not make bare.*

Love wants to restore.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Believeth all things, ready to believe the best in people.

Mac: *Is not suspicious or cynical. When it throws its mantle over a wrong it also believes in the best outcome for the one who has done the wrong – that the wrong will be confessed and forgiven and the loved one restored to righteousness.*

Innocent until proven guilty.

Spirit of mutual trust.

Moffat: *...always eager to believe the best.*

Does not mean love is gullible

Grom: *...is not suspicious of the deeds and motivations of others.*

Hopeth all things, In spite of the fact that a loved one has “blown it” and shattered your trust you still hang on to hope for him/her.

Peter: cursed Jesus and denied Him but Jesus never gave up on him.

Israel: continually failed and turned their backs on Jehovah but He never gave up on them.

Endureth all things. To stay under to undergo; to bear, persevere, suffer, tarry behind. To put up with. Suffer-military term: to hold your vital position at all costs; a willingness to hold on in spite of hardships.

Gromaki: *It willingly puts up with awkward circumstances caused by unloving brethren.*

Morris: *an active positive fortitude.*

Gothard: *It is able to outlast anything. It is able to endure all obstacles and even love in the face of unreturned love.*

1 Corinthians 13:8 *Charity never faileth*: never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end. To become ineffectual; to drop away; to lose; to become inefficient; to be of none effect.

Grom: *It is never wrong to love. Love will always triumph.*

Greatest illustration of this type of love is the Lord Jesus Christ!

Rom. 5:8; Eph 2:4-9

SO WHAT?

Are we manifesting these aspects of love?

- This kind of love is impossible unless we have the Holy Spirit in us.
- Impossible without the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Impossible unless He has all of us... unless we are yielded to Him.